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WHY THEY FAIL.

Success in legislation requires a whole pile of practical experience and knowledge of human nature. Many men go to the Legislature impression on the country is to have a glib tongue and a certain amount of shrewdness and cunning. No man should aspire to be "leader of the House" who does not first feel his way and ascertain the mental calibre of the crowd he is in. You must not be foeled into the idea that the quiet and perhaps stupid looking man across the aisle from some cow county has less sense than yourself. Incessant gab on other members' bills has killed numbers of aspiring statesmen; killed them so dead that they are never heard of again. There is a time to talk and a time to keep quiet and the man who talks the least accomplishes the most. The quiet members who are always in the majority soon acquire a secret dislike for a man who is always on his feet chattering at the chair They make no move to sit him down but they quietly vote against his pet bills and very soon he becomes a man of no influence whatever. Many a time the opponents of a bill have quietly fixed matters so that an obnoxious talker will be selected to make a fight for the bill. Many a young man is trapped in this way and feeling flattered over the selection bloviates for half the day under the idea that he is leading the fight for the bill. The smart lebbyists sit off in a corner chuckling to themselves that the bill will be "knocked out," and when the roll is called the measure is buried out of sight under the windy gabble of a man who imagines that but for his oratory the measure would have received at least ten less yotes. It is really a misfortune to a county who happens to have a free mouthed talker in its delegation. The man who opposes everything that comes up because he thinks he scents a steal is another drawback. He opposes everybody's bill and in the last of the session all the measures he introduced for his own county are slaughtered. All the time, the green, cow county fellow across the aisle is working under the direction of a skilled lobbyist and bringing down all the Legislative game in sight. When the quiet man has a measure it goes through "as slick as grease" because he has trodden on nobody's toes and no one has reason to strike back. The quiet man is working all round the noisy member in committees, in the lobby and everywhere and all the while making no enemies. Every County Convention which nominates a Legislative ticket ought to have this plank in the platform:

The Legislative nominees of this Convention hereby pledge themselves not to attempt to be the leader of the House or Senate.

The over smart man is always coming to grief. He wants to introduce all the bills of any importance and do all the talking on them. One or two good bills is all one man can draw up and pass in one session. The less irons he has in the fire the better, and the still pig catches most of the swill. Then there are men who are continually arranging petty jobs that they imagine no on but themselves know anything about. They are like the ostrich who having its bead under the sand imagines that the rest of its anatomy is unexposed. It must be remembered that there are 59 other people in the Legislature and 50 of them may be just as smart

. and cunning as yourself. Mind your own business, Let other people alone, Keep quiet, And you will get along.

HOLD-OVER ASSABLYMEN

There has been considerable talk of late regarding the propriety of electing hold-over Assemblymen as well as hold-over Senators. The reason of this is obvious. A man who has been one term in the Senate is well armed and equipped for his second term, and if there was no such thing as held overs in the Senate, business would drag and hundreds of "little jokers" slipped Gents' Furnishing Goods through which only an experienced eye could detect. A man wholly unaccustomed to Legislative busi-

ness who makes his first appearance in the House has a good deal to learn about tricks of legislation and the knowledge he acquires only comes from bitter experience. He makes a thousand blunders which come from lack of knowledge and not from any disposition to do wrong, and when he returns to his constituents and they ask him what he has accomplished he is at with the idea in their heads that a loss to reply. The man is voted all that is required to make a big as a fraud and failure when if he were to return to the House in two years he might do excellent work for his county.

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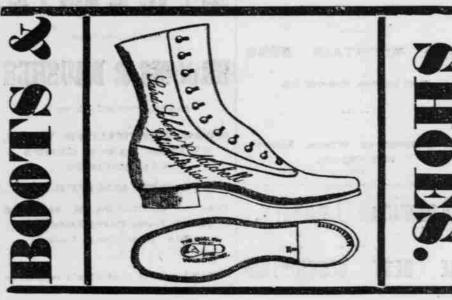
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